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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

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For: Controller and Method for Operating a Controller

Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, München, Germany

[] Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- [] Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- [X] Specification with 24 pages, 13 claims and 3 sheets of drawing.
- [X] Declaration with [X] Power of attorney.
- [X] Assignment.
- [X] Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
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- [X] Self-addressed postcard.
- [X] A priority document.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of September 12, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 102 43 856.0, filed September 20, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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